

3) In the Drawings:

The Applicant has attached a replacement drawing sheet 1, to replace originally filed drawing sheet 1. Figure 1 has been amended to correct several inadvertent typographical errors, as follows:

Element R_1 on the left side the figure has been corrected and is now Element R; and

Elements 122a, 128a, 130a, 132a, and 134a in the “b Side” of the figure have been corrected and are now Elements 122b, 128b, 130b, 132b, and 134b, respectively.

Figure 2, also shown on drawing sheet 1, has not been amended. No new matter is added by these corrections.

REMARKS

Claims 1–23 are pending in the present application. Claims 13–23 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1–3 and the specification are amended herein. A proposal for a drawing change for Figure 1 is included to correct some typographical errors, as described above and as reflected in the replacement sheet enclosed herewith. The Applicant affirms that Claims 24–25 were withdrawn from consideration as being non-elected claims, and that these claims are hereby cancelled, pending the possible filing of a divisional application. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the pending application, in view of the following remarks.

It is believed that no new matter has been added in the amendment to the specification or claims, or in the proposed change to the drawings, herein. For example, the basis for the limitation “inner radius” regarding the first and second pocket of the valve body that has been included in Claims 1–3 as amended herein may be found in the specification at paragraph [0031], the third from the last sentence, and also in Figure 1. While these particular references to the specification are provided as examples, the Applicant makes no assertion that they comprise the only or the best examples of support.

The Examiner has allowed Claims 13–23. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for noting that the patent referenced and incorporated by reference in the specification of the present patent application has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,664,572. Paragraphs [0001] and [0009] of the specification are amended herein to include this patent number.

The specification is also amended herein in other paragraphs to correct some typographical and grammatical errors.

Enclosed herewith is a replacement sheet 1 of the drawings. This proposed drawing change includes a correction of “R₁” to “R” and also corrects several element numbers on the “b” or downstream side, e.g., 122a has been changed to 122b. A basis for support for these changes may be found in Figure 3 as filed, as an example.

Claims 1–12 have been rejected by the Examiner “under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,279,875,” hereinafter referred to as ‘875. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s rejection.

The references of record do not teach, anticipate, or suggest the claimed invention of Applicant’s independent Claim 1, as amended herein. For example, ‘875 does not teach, anticipate, or suggest, “a first annular groove disposed at an exterior corner of the L-shaped cross-section of the first pocket insert proximate the first inner radius of the valve body first pocket,” as recited in Applicant’s Claim 1 as amended herein. ‘875 also does not teach, anticipate, or suggest, “a first radial seal ring disposed within the first annular groove of the first pocket insert adjacent the first inner radius of the valve body first pocket.” There is no groove or seal in the pocket insert 102 proximate an *inner radius* of the pocket or recess 28, as can be seen in Figure 5 of ‘875, for example. Rather, a seal element 136 and an accommodating groove in the pocket insert 102 are disposed against a *face* of the pocket or recess 28, in ‘875. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant’s independent Claim 1 is allowable over the references of record.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-12, which depend from independent Claim 1, are allowable by reason of dependence from an allowable claim as well as

for adding further limitations, which narrow the scope of the particular independent claims and compel a broader interpretation of the base claims upon which they depend.

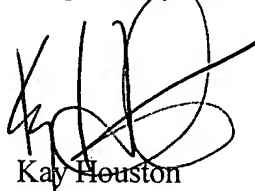
No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

In conclusion, the Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Claims 1-23 and pass the present patent application to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions or feel that a discussion would advance the prosecution, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,

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